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Transportation Committee  
 of the  
 Southern California Association of Governments  
 January 3, 2013

*Minutes*

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**THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE. A DIGITAL RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.**

The Transportation Committee (TC) held its meeting at SCAG's office in downtown Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by Chair Hon. Keith Millhouse, Ventura County. A quorum was present.

**Members Present:**

Hon. Mike Antonovich	Los Angeles County
Hon. Bruce Barrows, Cerritos	District 23
Hon. Russell Betts, Desert Hot Springs	CVAG
Hon. Stan Carroll, La Habra Heights	District 31
Hon. Mary Craton, Canyon Lake	RCTC
Hon. Gene Daniels, Paramount	District 24
Hon. Steve Diels, Redondo Beach	SBCCOG
Hon. Bert Hack, Laguna Woods	OCCOG
Hon. Matthew Harper, Huntington Beach	District 64
Hon. Carol Herrera, Diamond Bar	District 37
Hon. Jim Hyatt, Calimesa	District 3
Hon. Trish Kelley, Mission Viejo	OCCOG
Hon. Michele Martinez, Santa Ana	District 16
Hon. Ryan McEachron, Victorville	SANBAG
Hon. Marsha McLean, Santa Clarita	District 67
Hon. Barbara Messina, Alhambra	District 34
Hon. Keith Millhouse, Moorpark ( <i>Chair</i> )	VCTC
Hon. Leroy Mills, Cypress	District 18
Hon. Brett Murdock, Brea	District 22
Hon. Steven Neal, Long Beach	District 29
Hon. Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica	District 41
Hon. Micheál O'Leary, Culver City	WCCOG
Hon. Gary Ovitt	San Bernardino County
Hon. Greg Pettis, Cathedral City	District 2
Hon. Teresa Real Sebastian, Monterey Park	SGVCOG
Hon. Ron Roberts, Temecula	District 5
Hon. Mark Rutherford, Westlake Village	LVMCOG
Hon. David Spence, La Cañada-Flintridge	Arroyo Verdugo Cities
Hon. Karen Spiegel, Corona	WRCOG
Hon. Tim Spohn, City of Industry	SGVCOG
Hon. Jeff Stone	Riverside County
Hon. Don Voss, City of La Cañada-Flintridge	District 36

Hon. Alan Wapner, City of Ontario (*Vice-Chair*)      SANBAG

**Members Not Present:**

Hon. Glen Becerra, Simi Valley	District 46
Hon. Paul Eaton, Montclair	District 9
Hon. Mario Guerra, Downey	GCCOG
Hon. Frank Gurulé, Cudahy	District 27
Hon. Bill Hodge, Calexico	ICTC
Hon. Jose Huizar, Los Angeles	District 61
Hon. James C. Ledford	Palmdale
Hon. Brian McDonald	Chemehuevi Indian Tribe
Hon. Dan Medina, Gardena	District 28
Hon. Jim Morton	Lynwood
Hon. Shawn Nelson	Orange County
Hon. Bernard C. Parks, Los Angeles	District 55
Hon. Frank Quintero, Glendale	District 42
Hon. Damon Sandoval	Morongo Band of Mission Indians
Hon. Jess Talamantes, Burbank	SFVCOG
Mr. Aziz Elattar	Caltrans District 7

**CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Hon. Keith Millhouse, Ventura County, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Hon. Gary Ovitt, San Bernardino County, led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

No members of the public requested to make a comment.

**REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no request to prioritize agenda items.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Approval Items**

1. Minutes of the November 1, 2012 Meeting

A MOTION was made (Hack) to approve the Consent Calendar. The MOTION was seconded (O’Leary) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. Motion passed.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

2. Draft California High-Speed Train Fact Sheet
3. Summary Report from Subcommittees
4. Transportation Committee (TC) video-conferencing Pilot Program

Chair Millhouse noted that a proposed pilot program would allow Transportation Committee members to participate in meetings via videoconference from SCAG's Regional Offices. The Brown Act provides that a roll call vote is required when videoconferencing. After a brief discussion, Chair Millhouse noted that the matter will be reviewed further at the Regional Council meeting following the Transportation Committee meeting.

## **ACTION ITEM**

### **5. Pacific Electric Right-of-Way (PE ROW)/West Santa Ana Branch Corridor Alternatives Analysis (AA) – Study Recommendations**

Hasan Ikhata, SCAG Executive Director, presented an update on the Pacific Electric Right-of-Way (PE ROW)/West Santa Branch Corridor Alternatives Analysis (AA) – Study Recommendations. Mr. Ikhata noted that this is follow up to a presentation made to the Transportation Committee meeting on October 4, 2012. Additional information had been requested at that meeting, including access to the full report and clarification regarding the analysis of Low-Speed Magnetic Levitation (Maglev). The report has been provided to the Committee and approval by the Regional Council would allow the study to be forwarded to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) and the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), who have sole discretion to proceed. Mr. Ikhata invited Philip Law, SCAG Staff, to provide information on the details of the study.

Mr. Law discussed the study process, background, and a summary of evaluation results for the final set of alternatives that included: 1) No-Build; 2) Transportation Systems Management (TSM); 3) Bus Rapid Transit (BRT); 4) Streetcar; 5) Light-Rail Transit (LRT); and 6) (Maglev).

Mr. Law discussed the recommendations for alignments, stations, phasing options, and technology. It was noted that staff's recommendation and the Steering Committee's recommendation differs only with respect to Low-Speed Maglev. Staff does not recommend Low-Speed Maglev due to its high-cost; significant property acquisition that would be required; aesthetic impacts; and its unproven technology. He stated that the Maglev system does not exist in the United States. The Maglev option is being recommended by the Steering Committee because of its low-noise; low vibration; low traffic impacts, as well as low operating and maintenance cost.

Chair Millhouse introduced three (3) public speakers: Councilmember Scott Larsen, City of Bellflower, Vice-Mayor Violeta Alvarez, City of Bell and Kurt Brotcke, OCTA Staff. Councilmember Larsen stated the City of Bellflower supports the Steering Committee's recommendation regarding the use of Low-Speed Maglev. Vice-Mayor Alvarez, City of Bell, Stated that the City of Bell also supports the Steering Committee's recommendation to include the Low-Speed Maglev option. Mr. Brotcke stated that OCTA does not support the Maglev technology option due to its lack of proven operation; revenue service, and established standards. He stated that the OCTA is currently working with the Cities of Santa Ana and Garden Grove on the eastern section of the corridor for the Santa Ana-Garden Grove Streetcar, which would extend from the downtown Santa Ana Civic Center area to Harbor Blvd.

Hon. Mathew Harper, Huntington Beach, stated that residents of Garden Grove are sensitive to transportation issues and would view the inclusion of the Low-Speed Maglev option with greater skepticism than other more commonly known technologies.

Hon. Bert Hack, Laguna Woods, stated that funding momentum would be gained with the demonstration of proven ridership in the corridor which could be demonstrated with Rapid Bus service to help build momentum toward greater funding.

Hon. Micheál O’Leary, Culver City, stated that the Light Rail is now operating in Culver City, and he has not experienced problems with noise or vibration from the trains, which had been a concern prior to construction. Mr. O’Leary further noted that the Light Rail is a proven and successful technology tool in the region and that it does not seem practical to build a Maglev line.

A MOTION was made (Pettis) to approve the staff recommended action. The MOTION was seconded (Craton).

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was made (Daniels) to approve the staff recommendation with the inclusion of the Low-Speed Magnetic Levitation technology. The SUBSTITUTE MOTION was seconded (Neal). The SUBSTITUTE MOTION FAILED (14 YES; 18 NOES).

A vote was conducted on the original MOTION to approve the staff recommended action. The MOTION passed with a majority vote with (4) in opposition (McLean, Barrows, Stone, Daniels).

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### 6. “Bike Share” Programs in the SCAG Region

Derek Fretheim, Chief Operating Officer, Bike Nation, provided a presentation on Bike Share programs announcing that Bike Nation is a Southern California bike share provider with systems currently installed in Westwood, Venice, Fullerton, Anaheim, Downtown Los Angeles, Long Beach, and Hollywood. He also noted that Bike Nation is a self-service rental system where riders can rent a bicycle from a kiosk and pay a rental fee based on length of use. Regular riders can purchase a subscription for \$75 while daily riders can purchase a 24-hour pass for \$6.

Hon. Leroy Mills, Cypress, asked about riders who encounter a full dock when attempting to return a bike. Mr. Fretheim stated bikes are GPS-equipped, and that they have a street team that moves bikes around as needed. When stations achieve 80% capacity, bikes are moved to other stations.

Hon. Marsha McLean, North LA County, asked what a rider can do when they go to a destination where there is no dock, such as a grocery store. Mr. Fretheim responded that bikes are equipped with locks that can be secured when parked.

### 7. Amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) concerning the Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Corridor Rail Agency

Steve Fox, SCAG Staff, presented an update on the LOSSAN Joint Powers Agreement amendment which provides for local control of Amtrak's Pacific Surfliner service. Mr. Fox reported that on August 31, 2012, the State Assembly and Senate approved SB 1225, allowing for local control of the Amtrak Pacific Surfliner service which operates on the LOSSAN corridor. The governor signed the bill on September 28, 2012. The purpose of a new, locally-controlled JPA is to enhance LOSSAN's ability to implement speed, service and marketing improvements on the Pacific Surfliner.

Mr. Fox further reported that the LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency will have direct control of Amtrak operations, similar to Northern California's Capital Corridor JPA for Amtrak's Capital Corridor Service. Mr. Fox noted that, at its meeting today, the Regional Council will be asked to adopt Resolution No. 13-545-1 approving the 2013 Amendment to the JPA for the LOSSAN Corridor. Mr. Fox reported that the North County Transit District (NCTD) in San Diego County did not approve the JPA.

Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario, asked if it is necessary for all LOSSAN agencies to approve the JPA and asked about the consequences of NCTD's action. Mr. Fox responded that it is necessary for agencies to approve the JPA and that NCTD's action would be determined by the LOSSAN Board. Additionally, the local control transfer does not have to be completed until June 2015, so there is time to address issues raised by NCTD.

### **Subcommittee Reports**

#### **High-Speed Rail and Transit (HSRT) Subcommittee Update**

Hon. Karen Spiegel, Corona, presented an update on the HSRT Subcommittee. Ms. Spiegel noted that a Regional Transit Update was provided indicating that there are 68 providers of fixed-route service and altogether almost 100 transit providers serving 9,000 route miles in the region. Although there was a decline in revenue due to the recession, 2012 results show that this trend is reversing. The most important element for transit riders is safety and security. Increasing ridership may mean a greater consideration of rider safety. For Metro, 90% of Web traffic is transit-oriented and reflective of the public's interest in transit.

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

No report was provided.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Ryan Kuo, SCAG Staff, reported that nomination packets are now available for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Compass Blueprint Recognition Awards. The awards will take place at the General Assembly May 2-3, 2013. The Recognition awards is a great opportunity for jurisdictions to showcase its planning work that exemplify the Compass Blueprint principles.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no requests for future agenda items.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m. The next meeting of the Transportation Committee will be held on Thursday, February 7, 2013 at the SCAG Los Angeles office.



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Ryan Kuo, Senior Regional Planner  
Transportation Planning

# Transportation Committee Attendance Report

2013

		X = County Represented							X = Attended				= No Meeting		NM = New Member					
	Member (including Ex-Officio) Last Name, First Name	Representing	IC	LA	OC	RC	SB	VC	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	GA May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
1	Antonovich, Michael*	Los Angeles County		X					X											
2	Barrows, Bruce*	Cerritos		X					X											
3	Becerra, Glen*	Simi Valley		X																
4	Betts, Russell	CVAG				X			X											
5	Carroll, Stan*	La Habra Heights			X				X											
6	Craton, Mary	Canyon Lake				X			X											
7	Daniels, Gene*	Paramount		X					X											
8	Diels, Steve	Redondo Beach		X					X											
9	Eaton, Paul*	Montclair		X																
10	Elattar, Aziz	Caltrans - District 7																		
11	Guerra, Mario	Downey		X																
12	Gurulé, Frank*	Cudahy		X																
13	Hack, Bert	Laguna Woods			X				X											
14	Harper, Matthew*	Huntington Beach			X				X											
15	Herrera, Carol*	Diamond Bar		X					X											
16	Hodge, Bill	Clexico, ICTC	X																	
17	Huizar, Jose*	Los Angeles		X																
18	Hyatt, Jim	Calimesa				X			X											
19	Kelley, Trish	Mission Viejo			X				X											
20	Ledford, James C.	Palm Dale/No. L.A. County		X																
21	Martinez, Michele*	Santa Ana			X				X											
22	McDonald, Brian	Chemehuevi Indian Tribe					X													
23	McEachron, Ryan	Victorville					X		X											
24	McLean, Marsha*	Santa Clarita		X					X											
25	Medina, Dan*	Gardena		X																
26	Messina, Barbara*	Alhambra		X					X											
27	Millhouse, Keith* (Chair)	Moorpark						X	X											
28	Mills, Leroy*	Cypress			X				X											
29	Morton, Jim	Lynwood																		
30	Murdock, Brett	Brea			X				X											
31	Neal, Steven*	Long Beach		X					X											
32	Nelson, Shawn*	Orange County			X															
33	O'Connor, Pam*	Santa Monica		X					X											
34	O'Leary, Micheál	Culver City/WCCOG		X					X											
35	Ovitt, Gary*	San Bernardino County					X		X											
36	Parks, Bernard*	Los Angeles		X																
37	Pettis, Gregory*	Cathedral City				X			X											
38	Quintero, Frank*	Glendale		X																
39	Real Sebastian, Teresa	Monterey Park/SGVCOG							X											
40	Roberts, Ron*	Temecula				X			X											
41	Rutherford, Mark	Westlake Village		X					X											
42	Sandoval, Damon	Morongo Band of Mission Indians				X														
43	Spence, David	Flintridge/Arroyo Verdugo Cities		X					X											
44	Spiegel, Karen	Corona/WRCOG				X			X											
45	Spohn, Tim	Industry/SGVCOG		X					X											
46	Stone, Jeff*	Riverside				X			X											
47	Talamantes, Jess	Burbank/SFVCOG		X																
48	Voss, Don*	La Cañada Flintridge		X					X											
49	Wapner, Alan* (Vice-Chair)	Ontario					X		X											
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	* Regional Council Member																			